

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSION FOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC LANDS**

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Chair
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Ken Ivory

Rep. Michael E. Noel

Staff Present:

Ms. Tiffany A. Stanley, Policy Analyst
Ms. Cathy J. Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Ms. RuthAnne Frost, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Timothy J. Barber, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Commission Business

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Request for Proposals

Mr. Thomas Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, summarized "Memorandum regarding Tentative Contract Award" and said that the evaluation committee recommended Davillier Law Group for legal and relations services and Strata Policy for relations services. Mr. Vaughn responded to questions from the Commission.

The Commission discussed the request for proposals, including the costs for the services, transparency, and reporting processes.

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to approve the recommendations of the evaluation committee and proceed with the contract negotiation process. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Recapture Canyon ATV Ride

Rep. Noel outlined in detail the legal aftermath of a recent all-terrain vehicle (ATV) protest ride through Recapture Canyon. Rep. Noel expressed his belief that the judicial process has treated San Juan County Commissioner Lyman unfairly and suggested the commission offer a motion expressing support of Commissioner Lyman to the Constitutional Defense Council.

The Commission discussed whether the Commission should get involved in the matter.

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved that the Commission finds that there is a public interest in Commissioner Lyman's legal dispute regarding public lands and dual sovereignty, and the Commission asks the Constitutional Defense Council to provide funding and support of furthering this important public purpose.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Dabakis moved to amend the original motion's language by adding "and Tim DeChristopher's" after "Commissioner Lyman." The motion failed with Sen. Dabakis and Rep. Briscoe voting in favor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to amend the language from "to provide funding and support of furthering" to "to evaluate the appropriate way to further." The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe voting in opposition.

MOTION: Chair Stratton called for a vote on Rep. Brown's amended motion that the Commission finds that there is a public interest in Commissioner Lyman's legal dispute regarding public lands and dual sovereignty, and the Commission asks the Constitutional Defense Council to evaluate the appropriate way to further this important public purpose. The motion passed with Sen. Dabakis and Rep. Briscoe voting in opposition.

4. Planning Future Commission Meetings

Chair Stratton and the commission planned for future meetings by setting dates and discussing "Commission Work Plan" which outlines study items and potential presenters to address the commission.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Jenkins was absent for the vote.

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.